

RESIDENTIAL HEATING

Many owners have confused the legal dates of Excel Energy shut-off requirements (October to April) with the code requirement to provide heat. The law does not allow tenants to remain in a dwelling that lacks basic services (heat, light, water).

BUILDING OWNERS/MANAGERS SHOULD DISTRIBUTE THIS TO ALL TENANTS.

Do not heat your apartment by turning on the oven or stove. Why?

- Carbon monoxide fumes can develop and kill your family.
- Children can get burned
- Fire will start if things that can burn are too close.

If your apartment is too cold, the St. Paul Property Maintenance Code requires the landlord to maintain the heat at 68 degrees at 5 feet above the floor in any part of the apartment. If you have problems with the heat dropping below that temperature, call the caretaker or landlord and let them know. If they do not respond in a reasonable time, call Fire Prevention at 651-228-6230.

Also....

- Keep space heaters away from things that can burn.
- Do not use space heaters near the bed where blankets or bedspreads might catch on fire.
- Do not use an unvented gas or kerosene heater inside.
- Keep all combustibles away from any space heater and make sure that heater cannot tip over.

Check your smoke detector before going to bed - protect your children and yourselves.

Tenants should be aware of the danger posed by using space heaters, stove burners, and ovens to supplement heat.

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